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SUBJECT:TERRITORIAL ASYLUM CONVENTION

REFS: (A) GENEVA 361, (B) STATE 12758, (C) STATE 14209

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL (A). WE ARE PLEASED AT ADOPTION  
OF ARTICLE 1, THOUGH WE TOO WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED  
TEXT WITHOUT SUBSTITUTION OF "ENDEAVOR" FOR "USE ITS  
BEST ENDEAVORS". (AT SAME TIME, THIS CHANGE MAKES THE  
INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT TO BE PLACED ON RECORD BY USDEL  
ON ARTICLE 5 PER REFTEL (B) THE MORE PLAUSIBLE. THAT  
STATEMENT WILL OF COURSE REQUIRE QUOTATION OF THE AMENDED  
TEXT OF ARTICLE 1.)

2. WHILE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION  
TO THE SECOND PARA. OF ARTICLE 1, THOUGH THE IMPLICATION  
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OF IT MAY BE THAT A STATE MAY REFUSE ASYLUM SOLELY ON  
OTHER UNSPECIFIED GROUNDS. WE ARE PUZZLED BY THE USE  
OF THE WORD "CONVECTION", FOR WHICH THE DRAFTING COM-  
MITTEE MIGHT FIND A MORE CONVENTIONAL SYNONYM.

3. RE REFTEL (C), IF DESPITE USG OPPOSITION, THE  
AMENDMENT TO PARA 1 OF ARTICLE 2 IS ADOPTED, IT WOULD

BE DESIRABLE IF WESTERN STATEMENTS IN COMMITTEE AND  
PLENARY DO NOT CHARACTERIZE THAT AMENDMENT AS IMPORTANT,  
FOR WE CAN FIND ARGUMENTS TO DISCOUNT THESE WORDS AND  
MAY WISH TO DO SO. WE STRONGLY PREFER THE AMENDMENT  
NOT TO BE ADOPTED BUT, IF IT IS, WE WISH TO BE ABLE  
TO MINIMIZE ITS SIGNIFICANCE.  
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